GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:150
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2007
CDMA MOBILE SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) proposes to start CDMA Mobile Service in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to be started;

(c) whether the spectrum allocated to the company is not as per the extant norms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.150 FOR 26TH NOVEMBER 2007 REGARDING CDMA MOBILE SERVICE.

(a)&(b) Sir, BSNL has submitted a request to the Government recently seeking permission to provide fully mobile services using CDMA technology in addition to the GSM technology under the existing CMTS licences in 21 service areas. Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) and some of the GSM Operators have challenged the decision of Government, inter-alia on use of dual technology spectrum in term of TRAI's recommendations dated 28/08/2007 on " Review of license terms & conditions and capping of number of access providers" in Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) and the matter is sub-judice.

(c)&(d) As per DoT's existing norms, two CDMA carriers of 1.25MHz each have been allotted for each of the licensed telecom circle of BSNL for providing fixed and limited mobile service under basic services license.